

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title as follows:

### CARTILAGE COLLAGEN TYPE III SYNTHETIC PEPTIDES FOR COLLAGEN RESORPTION ASSAYS

Please amend the CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section as follows:

This application is a divisional ~~continuation~~ of U.S. Application No. 10/009,999, filed July 1, 2002 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,602,980), which is the U.S. national phase of International Application No. PCT/US99/29357, filed December 10, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/385,740, filed August 30, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,348,320), which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/142,274, filed July 2, 1999, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/141,574, filed June 29, 1999, and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/335,098, filed June 17, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,255,056), which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/089,823, filed June 19, 1998.

Please amend the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE section as follows:

Peptides synthesized to match ~~telopeptide~~ C-telopeptide components of type III collagen degradation products in body fluids, selected from among ~~DVKSGVAVGG (SEQ ID NO:33), YDVKSGVAVGG (SEQ ID NO:34), SYDVKSGVAVGG (SEQ ID NO:35), DSYDVKSGVAVGG (SEQ ID NO:36), JYDSYDVKSGVAVGG (SEQ ID NO:37), EKAGGF (SEQ ID NO:39), IGGEKAGG (SEQ ID NO:40), IGGEKAGGF (SEQ ID NO:41), IAGIGGEKAGG (SEQ ID NO:42), and IAGIGGEKAGGF (SEQ ID NO:43), and EKAGG (SEQ ID NO:44)~~ are useful as immunogens and antigens in collagen resorption assays.

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